



Greater Sacramento Area Couples

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June Anniversaries

12 Lou and Pat's 12th
21 Cathy and Leslie's 3rd
24 Amanda and Vivienne's 5th



June Birthdays

19 June (of Donna)
26 Tim (of Todd)
27 Sue (of Ida)
28 Sharon (of Cindy)

Welcome New Members

Sometimes people leave us for a short period of time and then they come back. Our new (returning) Member Couple Liz and Nancy are back and we're so happy to see them again. Welcome back ladies, come join in the fun.

Operating Committee Meeting

The Operating Committee will be meeting on June 5th at 7:00 PM. All members are invited and welcome. Please contact Don or Ken at 924-8890 for the location. We are also meeting on June 29th at 7:00pm for the July meeting. Contact Elaine or Margie at 726-3579 for location.

Help us **PLEASE**. We're running out of ideas. Give a board member a call if you have any special interests you would like to share, any new events that you would like to have the board schedule, or would like to help host a meeting or event.

Sacramento's Freedom Fair is HERE !!

Freedom Fair at the State Capital Park for the second year, begins at 10am on June 10th. GSAC will have a booth at the fair again this year. As most of you know, the Freedom Fair is where GSAC gets its biggest community awareness of our group. Last year we had over 125 interested couples that we forwarded additional information to. We are planning to have a "bring your own picnic" at the park. So bring your own KFC, Togos,

or what ever your delight, and join us at the fair.

We are also recruiting for volunteers to assist with working the booth (work it girl). We will need two couples every two hours to hand out brochures and answer questions about GSAC. It's easy, it's fun, and we could sure use the help. PLEASE HELP by contacting Elaine and Margie at 726-3579.

The Rock is getting Rockier - Alcatraz

Due to over booking at Alcatraz island, GSAC will not be able to acquire reservations this year. We are working NOW to make plans for next year. For those of you that are unfamiliar with this, In years past, GSAC and the San Francisco Couples Group have had the good fortune of spending the night on The Rock. Here's how it works. A group volunteers to do some community service on the island (pick up trash, pull weeds, light duty work-no chain gang here - sorry). Then comes the pay off. YOU get to spend the night on the island. Interested? Ask around the group for more information.

Lets go Roller Skating

The Lambda Community Center is having a fund raiser at the Foothill Roller Rink on June 4th at 6 pm. Yeah, that's right, roller skating. Come skate or just come and watch. The Foothill Roller Rink is located on Auburn Blvd. between Madison and Winding Way in Sacramento. Come check it out. It promises to be a gas.



Upcoming Events

Listed below are events that are coming soon. The events listed in **bold type** are GSAC events. The others are community functions that we thought you would like to know about. We hope you can be with us soon and maybe help in planning or hosting one of the events:

- June 3rd **BBQ and Pool Party at Juan and Al's (see article)**
- June 4th **GSAC Operating Committee Meeting (Don & Ken's)**
- June 5th **Operating Committee Meeting (please we need your help)**
- June 10 **Freedom Fair - East Steps of the Capital - Lets make this a GSAC Picnic**
- June 18 **San Francisco Pride Parade**
- June 29 **Operating Committee Meeting**
- July 2nd **Operating Committee Meeting - (Elaine & Margie's)**

July 8th

Ice Cream Social -GSAC General Meeting



- This is going to be a big one so mark your calendars. This is where we will be welcoming the new people that we meet at Freedom Fair.

August 26-27 Sing around the camp fire, join the Camp Fire Girls, weekend (that's right a weekend) camp out.

Watch out guys, NO TOILETS!!!

October 8th Sacramento AIDS Walk



BBQ AND SWIM PARTY

It's Going to be a Splash

Saturday June 3rd at 3pm, Juan and Al are having a BBQ and swim party at their home. The boys will be firing up the barbies (Webber's that is) around 4pm. This is how it works. You bring your favorite BBQ entree and a side dish. That's it. The GSAC cooler will be there for your refreshments. Also the guys are asking that some people bring some extra outdoor chairs. Please call Juan or Al (723-8644) to let them know if you are coming so they can plan accordingly. They look forward to sharing their home with each and everyone of you.

1995 Delegate Convention

Last month, we filled you in on the frills of the "Tales of the City" celebration, so this month we want to inform you of the business of the 1995 Couples Convention. (Henceforth known as (CELEBRATION)). This was our first endeavor at being a delegate couple. It was a rewarding experience. After introductions, we got right down to business; we had a lot to cover in two hours! All previous minutes were approved, financial statements reviewed, reports from board position approved, election results for Board positions presented, then the real business began. First, order of the day was to vote on Bylaw Amendments:

1. IV Sec 1 Definition of a memberCouple - defeated
2. IX Sec 2 National Board's ability to remove a memberCouple from the Board for non-compliance, or no longer qualified. - passed
3. X Sec 2 Nomination time from 120 days to 90 days - passed

Next "95" Budget - Board asked to increase Affiliate membership dues to \$8.00/memberCouple/year. Delegates voted to increase dues to \$10.00 per memberCouple per year. (This does not increase your payment, and will give National an operating budget that may stay in the black!)

\$\$ CELEBRATION BUDGET! \$\$

As of the meeting, we needed \$1,500 to be able to do the evening cruise. National loaned S.F. \$1,000 (National had \$1408.16 in account) and Q(Jo) San Diego, loaned the other \$500. Since this is every affiliates convention, the celebration committee asked that each delegate couple ask their affiliate to make a monetary donation. At the May GSAC Board meeting, we approved a \$100 donation to the Celebration, to help repay these loans.

Since no affiliate volunteered to host the 1996 Celebration, the delegates voted to hold it in LAS VEGAS!!! All affiliates will be expected to lend financial, and physical support, so, start planning now for a trip to Las Vegas next spring.

Couples is ten affiliates strong and is reaching out to new affiliates. All active affiliates were represented by a delegate couple, this was a first! We now have a full National board (all open positions were filled before the convention was over). The board appears to be real eager to communicate with the affiliates, as is shown in the new DUET.

GSAC must do its' share to keep our affiliate strong. If you have not paid your dues, PLEASE make out your check now, and mail it while it is still on your mind. Contact Ken or Don to volunteer to help with an event, or even to host an event. If you have any questions about the delegate convention, or GSAC, please call (Sue/Ida) at 689-1927.



AIDS/NET bulletin board is on-line in Sacramento as of Saturday, March 18, 1995. The telephone numbers are 487-2437 or 487-2439. AIDS/NET, a local connection to the world wide network of AIDS related bulletin boards, is dedicated to providing education, support, prevention and management of HIV/AIDS to people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, loved ones, friends and caregivers. These goals will be accomplished through both local and national conference areas or rooms, an extensive file library, and by networking with local AIDS support agencies who will upload their publications, calendars and other information. There will be outreach to groups including the hearing and visually impaired, hemophiliacs, people of color, gays, lesbians, women and youth. There will be no subscription fee

charged for usage of the board, however, donations would be most appreciated. If, after reading this you have any further questions about the system or donating money, please call Ron Edington at 974-7026, or Barb Chandler at 394-1715.

New Members' Brunch



On Sunday, May 21, 1995, GSAC held its' second New Members Brunch at Jammin' Jo's on Broadway. At Least that's what it was supposed to be. Only one new member couple showed up, and four board member couples! Oh, well! Those in attendance had a wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage, ham, bacon, potatoes, muffins and fruit. There was also orange juice and champagne for those who wanted libations. We wish that there had been more people present, but the small group assembled had a wonderful time.

A Note from the Editors

As you can see, the newsletter is getting smaller. We really need your help in producing an interesting, informative communication for the membership. We get about three articles each month: one from the chair, one from the vice-chair, and one from the activities couple. We fail to get articles from the general membership. Come on folks, this is YOUR newsletter!! Have you done anything interesting lately? Gone to any good movies, restaurants, concerts, museums, the circus? Read any good books? Tell us about it! I know we have some new members: let us know something about you. How, when and where did you get together? What kind of jobs do you have? Believe it or not, we are interested in our members! If you don't have the time to write an article, just give us a call at 683-2298, and talk to one of us. We can take notes real fast! We need all the help we can get to make this newsletter a success.

Attention All River Rafterers!

Al and Juan are trying to organize a river rafting trip for late June or early July. If you are interested in possibly participating, please give them a call (916) 723-8644.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 3:00pm BBQ and Swim Party Hosted by Juan & Al
4  6:30pm Oper. Comm. Hosted by Don & Ken*	5	6	7	8	9	10 Freedom Fair at Capitol Park 
11	12  Lou & Pat's 12th (1983)	13	14 Flag Day 	15 Deadline for Newsletter Articles	16	17
18  San Francisco Pride Parade <i>Father's Day</i> 	19	20	21  Cathy & Leslie's (3rd) 1992 <i>Summer begins</i>	22	23	24  Amanda & Vivienne's (5th) 1990
25	26	27	28	29  7:00pm Oper. Comm. Hosted by Elain & Margie*	30	

* a GSAC event-non-members are asked to pay \$3.00 per person

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Statement of Purpose

Greater Sacramento Area Couples (GSAC) is an affiliate member of Couples National Network, Inc. Couples National Network's founding principle is providing social, educational, and humanitarian outreach to persons participating in lesbian or gay relationships. We do not have any specific religious or political affiliations. Our interest is in supporting the positive aspects of our relationships and the sense of stability that they represent for our community and lifestyle.

GSAC Committee Couples for 1995

Please call any of these couples if you desire more information about GSAC. You can also write to GSAC at Post Office Box 861, Sacramento CA 95812-0861.

Chair Couple	Al and Juan	Phone: (916) 723-8644
Vice Chair Couple	Ida and Sue	Phone: (916) 689-1927
Finance Couple	Nina and Sonya	Phone: (916) 726-3992
Newsletter Couple	Lisa and Mandie	Phone: (916) 683-2298
Publicity Couple	Fredrick and Mark	Phone: (209) 274-4036
Membership Couple	Elaine and Margie	Phone: (916) 726-3579
Activities Committee	Don and Ken	Phone: (916) 924-8890

Dues and Costs of Attending GSAC Events

GSAC couples pay dues of \$5 per month (paid semiannually) to cover the costs of the newsletter, meeting room, decorations, etc. As a result, regular monthly meetings and most events and functions are free to members. Nonmembers and guests may be asked to contribute a nominal fee to attend some events. Such fees will be indicated in the event description in the monthly newsletter.

If you wish to join GSAC, please contact the Finance Couple. Dues are prorated to expire on a common date (either April 1 or October 1). Also, there is a \$10 registration fee that covers personalized name tags for each new member.

Articles Printed in Newsletter

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GSAC's Mailing List and Your Privacy

GSAC does not assist in the dissemination of data on its members. It is the policy and the practice of GSAC and Couples National Network, Inc. neither to publish last names, addresses, or phone numbers of members nor to release this information to anyone for any reason. Simply stated: We do not sell or give-away our membership list.

GSAC only uses first names in the monthly newsletter. We will not print your phone number in any article without prior approval. If you volunteer to host a function, we will not print your address in the newsletter. Rather, we will print the first names and telephone numbers (with prior approval) of the couple responsible for organizing the event. The organizing couple will give additional information and directions for the event.

Couples National Network - Parent Organization and Affiliates

This listing of our parent organization and affiliates is current as of the date of this newsletter. Contact any of these affiliates if you will be visiting one of these cities.

Couples National Network, Inc.,
Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
Contact Sandy and Janice (619) 692-1574

Alamo Couples,
Post Office Box 12446, San Antonio, TX 78212-2446
Contact Peggy and Frankie (210) 393-3323

Couples of Arizona,
Post Office Box 7144, Phoenix, AZ 85011-7144
Contact Beth and Mary (602) 831-6432

Couples of San Diego,
Post Office Box 33724, San Diego, CA 92163-3724
Contact Ken and Ike (619) 286-3141

Couples of Metro Dallas,
Post Office Box 803156, Dallas, TX 75380
Contact Davis and Arnold (214) 492-4606

Couples of Miami Valley,
Post Office Box 14004, Dayton, OH 45414
Contact Jerry and Dale (513) 252-1625 Couples of San

Francisco Bay Area,
P.O. Box 191745, San Francisco, CA 94119-1745
Contact Mark and Mike (415) 242-0319

Inland Empire Couples,
Post Office Box 3033, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-3033
Contact Darryl and Rich (909) 466-6441

Couples of Pennsylvania (COPA),
1622 S. Bradock Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1638
Contact: Unavailable

Bayshore Couples
750 Carolina Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
Contact David & David (408) 735-8777